

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**PESTICIDE APPLICATOR**

**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, to perform chemical pest and weed control to treat a wide variety of landscape vegetation for various pest diseases through the application of a variety of restricted and other pesticides; and to perform related work.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

Members of this class perform pesticide application for purposes of pest management duties, including the application of restricted and non-restricted chemicals as a primary job function at least 50% of the time. Those positions requiring only occasional application of pesticides or those that do not require the application of restricted pesticides are generally allocated to other classifications.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Visits area to be sprayed to diagnose pest problem and formulates abatement plan;
- Researches pesticide history of area to be treated;
- Examines plant and insect samples under a microscope to identify plant diseases and target pests;
- Contacts County Department of Agriculture for assistance in identifying weeds, plant diseases and pests;
- Uses designated treatment application methods;
- Determines solution percentages and mixes a variety of chemicals including restricted pesticides and additives into large tanks;
- Dispenses pesticides onto target area using hose and nozzle;
- Protects surrounding plants from harmful effects of application;
- Posts signs and notifies City forces of special pest-spray or pre-spray instructions;
- Eliminates excess pesticide mix by dispensing onto suitable areas and rinses empty tank;
- Performs minor repair of pesticide pumps;
- Performs routine maintenance of vehicle such as checking oil levels, filters, and grease fittings;
- Keeps records and logs of chemicals applications and work performed;
- May lead the work of others.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

One year of experience applying turf and ornamental pesticides in public parks, recreation areas, golf courses or similar sites; **OR** two years of grounds maintenance experience which must include six months of experience applying pesticides as described above; **OR** completion of an Associate degree in Landscape Technology or a related field, **AND** three months of experience applying pesticides as described above. Possession of a valid California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) in Landscape Maintenance. Possession of a valid California Class C-H Driver's License for the transportation of hazardous materials may be required for some positions.

- \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.